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Death of a Salesman

In the play "*Death of a Salesman*" Willy Loman the main character has many obsessions and they all have to do with money and success. He is obsess with being the best salesman in his company, making more money, having everyone recognize him as a successful man, and most of all having his son Biff become a rich important successful businessman. Willy wants his son to be everything he was not able to become. Through Biff Willy wants to realize his own dreams of success, like many child stars parents today, he does not understand why Biff does not want that for himself. He considers his son lack of motivation as another disappointment. We can see how obsess he is about Biff making it big in the beginning of the play when he is talking with Linda and he begins to reminice about his son "he could be big in no time... Remenber how they use to follow him around high school? When he smiled their faces lit up"(1215). Willy views his son as lost and he does not understand how someone who he considers to have such potential such "personal attractiveness"(1215) can in his eyes become lost. To him his son is lost because he is not doing or striving to do anything that will bring wealth and

success.